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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/EP03/11828 10/24/2003

## Foreign Applications

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**Early Publication Request:** No

**Title**

Absorbent polymer structure with improved retention capacity and permeability

## Preliminary Class

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1. The applicant is hereby notified that the priority claim made in the international application has been withdrawn in accordance with a notice of withdrawal received from the applicant on:

15 April 2005 (15.04.2005)

The attention of the applicant is drawn to the fact that the withdrawal of the priority claim will result in the re-calculation of time limits which have not already expired (see Rule 90bis.3(d)).

2. ☒ In the case where multiple priorities have been claimed, the above action relates to the following priority claim(s):

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